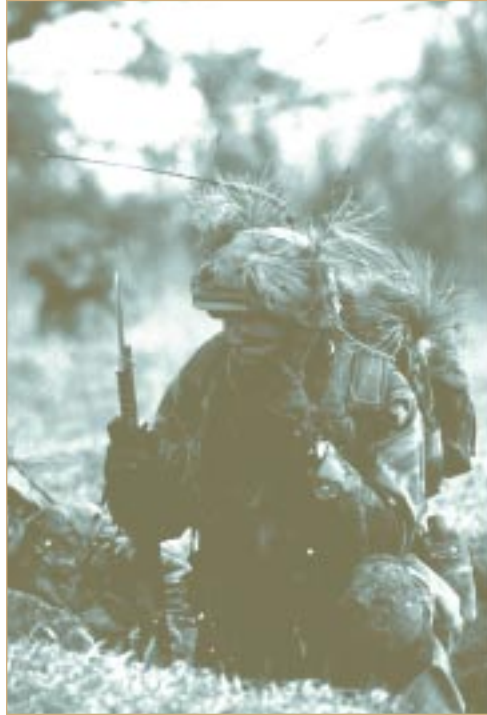


The National Military Strategy

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The increased frequency and length of these other operations is already a significant challenge to our ability to continuously maintain the desired level of combat readiness necessary to compel. We must closely scrutinize our ability to support the broader aspects of our strategy that could include nearly simultaneous major regional conflicts, while at the same time sustaining other operations. The Army must be robust enough to fulfill and sustain all of our international commitments.

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